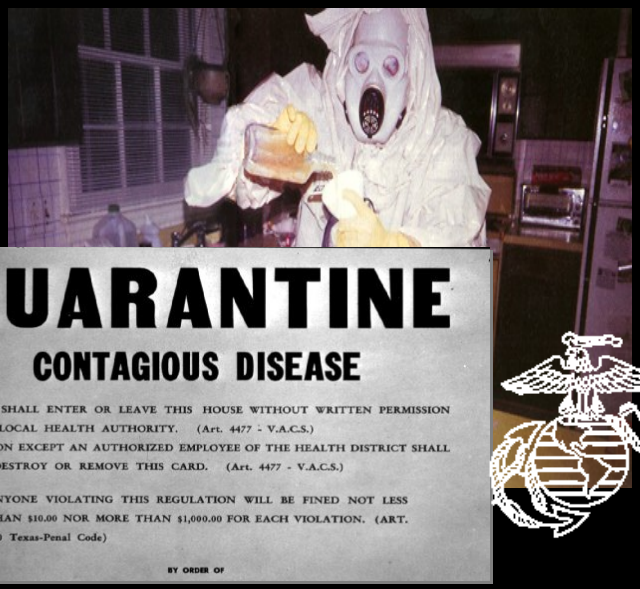
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

USMC Preparedness Exercises

THREAT OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

- **WMD increasingly accessible**
- **World Trade Center and Anthrax attacks illustrate new paradigm**
- **Low Probability - High Consequence Event**
- **Vulnerability: High**
- **Asymmetric response**
- **WMD [BNICE] effect**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CHALLENGES TO THE USMC POSED BY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

- **WMD effects may extend well beyond boundaries**
  - **Response may require significant coordination**
- **Few USMC installations equipped to respond**
  - **Dependent on outside resources and personnel**
  - **Few relationships exist to facilitate necessary coordination**
- **Unconventional weapons breed unconventional responses**
  - **Roles and responsibilities may differ from norm**
  - **Advance coordination and planning critical**
- **Profound psychological impact**

PREPARING THE USMC FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

- **Preparedness Cycle**
  - Assess, Plan, Equip, Train, Exercise, “Lessons Learned”
  - REPEAT…
- **Role of Exercises**
  - Test the delta between “paper” and “real-world”
- **Exercise Solutions**
  - Progressive - “Crawl, Walk, Run”
    - Seminars
    - Workshops
    - Tabletops
    - Drills
    - Large-scale Games
    - Distributed Network Exercises (DNE)
    - Command Post Exercises (CPX) / Functional Exercises
    - Full-Scale Exercises (FSE) / Field Training (FTX) Exercises

USMC WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM EXERCISE PROCESS

- **No two venues are the same - No “cookie cutter” approaches**
- **Define objectives through assessment**
- **Tailor exercise and scenario to address objectives**
- **Two existing exercise packages**
  - **6-hour “operations level” tabletop exercise coupled with a 4-hour “command level” tabletop exercise [MCB Pendleton 2001]**
    - **Scenario-based, facilitated dialogue addressing interaction among civilian and military communities**
    - **Two exercises focusing different decision making levels in a response**
  - **6-hour “command level” tabletop exercise coupled with a 6-hour full-scale (field) exercise [MCB Quantico 2002]**
    - **Scenario-based, facilitated dialogue addressing interaction among civilian and military communities.**
    - **Real-world response to a simulated incident in a controlled setting**

USMC WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM EXERCISES - 2002 PROGRAM

- **MCB Quantico**
- **MCB Hawaii**
- **MCAS Iwakuni**
- **MCB Pendleton**